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## Did You Know...

- ★ It's against the law to feed wild animals?
- ★ A simple bag of garbage, bowl of pet food, or plate of leftovers can cause severe harm to wildlife?
- ★ Wild animals are in trouble due to people's carelessness and irresponsibility with food and garbage?

### Stash your Food and Trash

If in doubt, ask your local Animal Control Officer, Fish and Game warden, park ranger, or garbage collection company.

Deer information also provided by [whitetails.com](http://whitetails.com)



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# DEER

People, Deer,  
and the  
Environment...

...Tips on living  
with wildlife.





## Deer Facts...

### Antler Information:

Buck 1/2 year old - Small bumps (button buck)

Buck 1 1/2 years old - One or two points on each antler. Usually small in size.

Buck 2 1/2 years old - Three to five points on each antler. Small to medium in size.

Buck 3 1/2 years old - Four to six points on each antler. This is a mature buck and will usually have medium to large antlers.

Some bucks never develop large antlers. Antler size is influenced by genetics and diet. During growth, the antlers have a thin layer of velvet, which is rubbed off after they are fully grown. After the breeding season, bucks will shed their antlers and a new pair will begin to grow.

A deer's eyes are located on the side of their head, which means they can see 310 degrees around themselves. However, they cannot focus on one location with both eyes. Deer are believed to be colorblind and they can see at night.

Deer have a highly developed sense of smell and hearing, which makes it difficult for anyone to sneak up on them. This helps the deer avoid danger.

## Do...

- ★ Do landscape with deer-resistant plants (contact your nursery for ideas).
- ★ Do feed your pets indoors or pick up uneaten food as soon as your pet is finished.
- ★ Do pick up fallen tree fruit.
- ★ Do consider using commercially prepared deer repellents (available at garden supply stores).
- ★ Do have adequate fencing (eight-foot) to keep your pets in and deer out.
- ★ Do install motion sensor lights.
- ★ Do vaccinate your dog and cat for rabies.

## Don't...

- ★ Don't leave your cats or small dogs unattended.
- ★ Don't make a pet out of your visitor.
- ★ Don't feed or otherwise encourage a deer's dependency on humans.
- ★ Don't allow your pets to run loose.
- ★ Don't use plastic bags as trash containers.
- ★ Don't put trash out long before the scheduled pickup.

## Deer Tracks...



### Use Deer Tracks to Determine What Type of Deer You are Tracking

1-1/2 in.		Fawn
2 in.		Yearling Doe
2 -1/2 in.		Adult Doe or Yearling Buck
3 in.		2-1/2 Year Old Buck
3-1/2 - 4 in.		3-1/2 Year Old & Older Bucks

This is a sample guide for the front hoof of a deer. The size of deer and their tracks vary in different regions.

